MISSOURI OVERVIEW TOP OPENINGS

2022-2024

Missouri is projected to have more than 350,000 total job openings each year between 2022 and 2024. Total openings include growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

The occupations with the most openings between 2022 and 2024 are Cashiers; Home Health and Personal Care Aides; and Stockers and Order Fillers. Of the top 20 occupations with the most openings, General and Operations Managers, Registered Nurses, and Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers have the highest wages.

TOP JOB OPENINGS							
Occupation	2022 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Annual Exits	Annual Transfers	Annual Growth	Total Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage
Cashiers	68,358	68,079	5,804	6,531	-140	12,195	\$23,310
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	80,584	84,182	5,274	4,664	1,799	11,737	\$23,110
Stockers and Order Fillers	58,061	60,435	3,372	5,779	1,187	10,338	\$29,620
Retail Salespersons	70,241	70,440	3,932	5,810	100	9,842	\$27,330
Waiters and Waitresses	41,386	42,138	3,066	4,987	376	8,429	\$22,590
General and Operations Managers	86,317	88,432	1,745	5,417	1,058	8,220	\$76,990
Fast Food and Counter Workers	38,406	38,807	3,744	4,082	200	8,026	\$23,260
Office Clerks, General	59,607	59,753	3,256	3,539	73	6,868	\$35,430
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	45,155	45,963	2,844	3,193	404	6,441	\$28,690
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	62,504	62,049	3,168	3,478	-228	6,418	\$34,390
Customer Service Representatives	48,742	49,224	2,302	3,852	241	6,395	\$36,360
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	42,767	43,710	1,892	3,762	472	6,126	\$30,210
Cooks, Fast Food	43,828	43,014	2,556	3,716	-407	5,865	\$23,580
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	48,944	49,574	2,017	3,340	315	5,672	\$47,130
Cooks, Restaurant	30,938	33,019	1,882	2,737	1,040	5,659	\$28,250
Registered Nurses	73,621	74,863	1,981	1,868	621	4,470	\$61,920
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	38,296	39,133	1,364	2,258	418	4,040	\$38,200
Nursing Assistants	33,922	33,765	2,166	1,916	-78	4,004	\$28,680
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	25,787	26,196	1,766	1,672	204	3,642	\$25,420
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	31,163	31,163	1,592	1,592	22	3,442	\$41,240



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